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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN ASSESS KISSINGER-BREZHNEV MEETINGS POSITIVELY

REF: MOSCOW 4635

1. FIRST BULGARIAN COMMENTARY ON SECRETARY'S MOSCOW TRIP IS DISTINCTLY POSITIVE. WRITING IN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" APRIL 1 ATANAS ATANASOV SAYS THAT TALKS WERE "OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE". MOST IMPORTANT WAS WILLINGNESS OF BOTH SIDES, "REGARDLESS OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCES ON A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, TO SEEK THE MOST REALISTIC APPROACH IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DECISIONS". COMMENTARY GOES ON TO POINT OUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SECRETARY'S MEETINGS AND FORTHCOMING SUMMIT WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS "AN EVENT OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE".

2. COMMENTARY NOTES PESSIMISTIC PRESS STORIES IN WEST  
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WHICH AUTHOR DISMISSES AS USUAL REACTION FROM THOSE WHO

PURPOSELY CHOOSE TO EMPHASIZE "INEVITABLE DIFFICULTIES".  
SUCH PEOPLE ARE "BEARERS OF MISTRUST, ANIMOSITY AND  
CONFRONTATION" WHO WILL OPPOSE THE SMALLEST STEP IN  
AMELIORATION OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. NONETHELESS THE  
"PEACELOVING FORCES OF THE WORLD" RIGHTFULLY ASSESS  
THE MOSCOW MEETINGS AS "SUCCESSFUL INTERIM STAGE IN  
HISTORIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES".

3. "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" ARTICLE INTERESTINGLY GOES ON  
TO DEFEND US PUBLIC OPINION AS BEING OVERWHELMINGLY  
IN FAVOR OF IMPROVED RELATIONS AND CITES HARRIS POLL  
RESULTS PUBLISHED IN JANUARY IN WHICH 69 PERCENT BELIEVE  
LONG RANGE AGREEMENTS CAN BE REACHED WITH SOVIET UNION.

4. COMMENTS ARE CERTAINLY IN LINE WITH PRESS COVERAGE  
OF SECRETARY'S MEETINGS. FINAL COMMUNIQUE GIVEN BANNER  
HEADLINES AS LEAD FRONT PAGE STORY.

5. COMMENT: WHETHER RABOTNICHESKO DELO ARTICLE, HOWEVER,  
REFLECTS HIGHEST LEVEL GOB THINKING IS MOOT POINT. ONE  
AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO MET WITH MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE  
NEDEV APRIL 1 REMARKED THAT NEDEV HAD SPENT GREAT DEAL  
OF EFFORT TO GET HIS VIEWS ON FUTURE OF US-SOVIET RE-  
LATIONS AND, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN, APPEARED SOMEWHAT  
MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN HE HAD IN EARLY JANUARY.  
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